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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At about 8:45 a.m. on 6 March 1954, a train of 20 flatcars carrying 20 trucks, 4 flatcars carrying 4 four-wheel armored scout cars; about 20 boxcars occupied by troops wearing quilted uniforms; and without engine was seen at the Puerstenberg railroad station. 25X1
2. About 9 a.m. on the same day, 2 troop trains were seen at the Altschrelitz railroad station, with the first train, which was ready to leave toward Neustrelitz, consisting of 50 to 60 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and an unidentified badge on the upper sleeve; and the second train consisting of 20 flatcars, each with 1 truck carrying 1 x 160-mm mortar, 4 flatcars carrying 4 T-34/85 tanks, 4 flatcars carrying 4 x 76.2-mm field guns and 10 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The train had no engine. 25X1
3. At about 9:15 a.m. on the same day, a train of 25 to 30 boxcars occupied by troops, 8 flatcars each carrying 1 tank truck, 4 to 5 flatcars each carrying 1 truck loaded with engineer equipment, and without engine was seen at the Neustrelitz railroad station. 25X1
4. At 10 a.m. on 6 March, 2 troop trains were seen at the Neubrandenburg railroad station. The first train was ready to leave and consisted of about 20 boxcars and 20 flatcars carrying trucks, 4 T-34/85 tanks and 4 x 76.2-mm AF guns; and the second train, which had no engine, consisted of about 25 flatcars carrying 4 T-34/85 tanks and 20 trucks and 10 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. 25X1
5. At 10 a.m. on 11 March, a shipment of 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 1 repair shop truck, 1 ambulance, 1 sedan, 19 trucks and 14 boxcars passed through Satskorn, coming from Jueterbog and proceeding to Neustrelitz. 25X1
6. At 8:15 a.m. on 11 March, a shipment of about 25 trucks, 4 van-like trucks, 2 tank trucks, a field kitchen, 4 x 76.2-mm AA guns and 8 boxcars including 4 occupied by troops passed through the Grieben railroad station, proceeding toward Loewenberg. 25X1

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7. At 8:30 a.m. on the same day, a shipment of BA-64 armored scout cars [redacted] 25X1  
 about 15 armored personnel carriers,  
 2 field kitchens, about 12 trucks,  
 1 bus, 3 van-like trucks and an undetermined number of  
 boxcars occupied by troops passed through the Herzberg railroad station,  
 proceeding toward Loewenberg.

8. At 11:15 a.m. on 11 March, a shipment including 8 trucks carrying 120-mm mortars [redacted] 25X1  
 10 x 82-mm AT guns and 13 boxcars including 8 occupied by troops was seen at the  
 Neuruppin railroad station, presumably coming from an undetermined station and,  
 proceeding toward Loewenberg. At 11:25 a.m. a shipment of 18 T-34/35 tanks,  
 [redacted] gun [redacted] 25X1  
 and 4 JS tanks went in the same direction. This train  
 included neither boxcars nor motor vehicles.

9. At 12:30 p.m., motorized columns, including about 25 rocket launchers [redacted] 25X1  
 2 tank trucks, [redacted] and about 20 other trucks passed  
 through Altruppin, proceeding toward Loewenberg. 3

10. At 2:30 p.m. on 11 March, a shipment of 30 to 35 trucks [redacted] 25X1  
 [redacted] and two trucks [redacted]  
 4 to 5 van-like trucks, 2 field kitchens, and about 12 boxcars occupied by  
 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and red-bordered  
 black epaulets passed through Biederitz, coming from the direction of Buckau  
 and proceeding to Neustadt. Some of the trucks carried signal equipment. 4

11. At 7:30 a.m. on 2 March, a shipment of 8 M-13 rocket launchers and 10 trucks was  
 unloaded in Neustrelitz and left toward Altstrelitz. 5

12. At 2:30 p.m. on 6 March, T-34/85 tanks [redacted] and 8 trucks 25X1  
 from the Infanterie Kaserne (2221) were entrained in Neustrelitz. More tanks  
 from the Infanterie Kaserne were entrained during the night on 7 March. [redacted] 25X1

13. At 2:30 p.m. on 3 March, a total of about 25 trucks [redacted] 25X1  
 8 mortars and 4 M-13 rocket launchers, presumably from Grenadier Kaserne (2225)  
 and Schlossgarten (2227), were entrained in Neustrelitz. At 5 p.m., a total of 15  
 trucks and 2 jeeps [redacted] were entrained. At 7 p.m., 16 trucks and 1 jeep  
 [redacted] and 7 x 122-mm howitzers,  
 all from the restricted area on Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse, were entrained. After  
 the entraining, the installations mentioned were only lightly occupied. 6

14. [redacted] the Langhagen-Kratzeburg area had been 25X1  
 restricted.

15. [redacted] on 5 March, 6 shipments with tanks were unloaded at  
 the Mirow railroad station. On 6 March [redacted] unloading of 4 trains 25X1  
 at the Mirow railroad station, with the first shipment including 25 trucks and  
 12 AA guns; the second, about 40 trucks and 24 x 120-mm mortars; the third,  
 4 tanks, 57-mm AT guns and trucks; and the fourth, trucks [redacted] 25X1  
 and an undetermined number of boxcars. Sedan [redacted] occupied by a colonel  
 was identified. \*

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16. [redacted] the Mirow area was occupied to capacity by troops who bivouacked in the woods and that the Starsow-Peetsch area had been restricted. 1 25X1

1. [redacted] Comment. On 5 and 6 March, major elements of the 25th Tank Div from the Oranienburg, Prenzlau and Templin posts left for exercises in the area southeast of Mueritz Lake, which also involved units of the 6th Gds Mech Div and/or the 71st Light Arty Brig [redacted] from Bernau. 25X1

[redacted] unloading in Mirow of the 9 trains from Prenzlau which are believed to have passed through Neubrandenburg. The 10th shipment may be identical with shipment [redacted] which went from Oranienburg to Mirow and, according to weapons observed, may have carried elements of the 1702 AAA Regt [redacted] of the 25th Tank Div. 25X1 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. Probably one of the two shipments [redacted] which carried units of the 121st (?) AAA Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div and, [redacted] went from Luckenwalde to Neustrelitz. 25X1 25X1 These units had gone to Jueterbog on 2 trains on 6 March.

3. [redacted] Comment. Probably retransfer of the units mentioned in [redacted] Comment 1. The information tends to indicate that the exercise developed from north to south and terminated in the area north of Neuruppin, which was confirmed by 1 train from Netzeband to Oranienburg and 1 train from Granses to Bernau. 25X1 [redacted] According to paragraph 9 of the present report, some of the troops returned to their posts by road. 25X1

4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] a shipment of signal units of the Third Shock Army, possibly the 105th Sig Regt, which [redacted] went from Magdeburg to Rheinsberg. 25X1 [redacted] It is not impossible that this is a first indication for exercises of army units which may be scheduled to be held in the area of the Wittstock Troop training grounds.

5. [redacted] Comment. Probably units of the 90th RL Regt [redacted] of the Second Gds Mech Army which [redacted] transferred from Volten to Neustrelitz. 25X1 [redacted] According to direction of departure, it is assumed that these units conducted firing practices in the Lychen-Rutzenberg area.

6. [redacted] Comment. For information on the loadings on 6 March, see [redacted] Comment 2. 25X1 No information has been received on entraining of tanks in Neustrelitz on this date. [redacted] On 8 March, units of the 234th Mort Regt, the 495th (?) Arty Regt (US) and the 126th Gds RL Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div were entrained and [redacted] went to Luckenwalde on 2 trains including 1 train. 25X1

7. [redacted] Comment. Kratzeburg and Langhagen are located east of the Speck-Granzin firing range, where firing practices may have been held on 8 March.

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